

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 12th May 2013

Amateur Station Licence Examination

Many of the places for the upcoming Amateur Station Licence Examination have already been applied for, so anyone wishing to sit the examination should apply as soon as possible. The examination will be held on Thursday 4 July at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg offices in Dublin. The examination may be held on that day at other centres where warranted by the number of candidates. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . There is also an exam button on the home page. Places for the examination are limited and are being allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for the receipt of completed applications is Friday 14th June.

5Mhz Newsletter

The Spring 2013 - edition of The 5MHz Newsletter is now available to download free. This edition (No.6) features (of course) the latest news about 5 MHz Amateur Allocations, the latest update of the Worldwide Amateur 5 MHz Allocations Chart, plus stories on 5 MHz Web SDRs, an IARU 5 MHz Paper, A Correlation Graph from G3ZUN and an Idea on how to navigate the new UK 5 MHz allocation using your transceiver's memory channels. You can download your copy at tinyurl.com/dxlpgyj

New 24 GHz EME World Record

Rex VK 7 MO has completed a 16383 km QSO with OK 1 KIR in the Czech Republic to claim the World record on 24 GHz.

Rex used just a 1.14 metre dish and 10 watts which he has designed for portable operation, while OK 1 KIR used a 4.5 metre dish and 22 watts. Details of the project are to be published in the next edition of DUBUS magazine.

Hook Head Lighthouse Activation

Chris EI7KE/DL9YEL writes that on Saturday May 18th he plans to activate Hook Lighthouse Co. Wexford on 40m around 7.130MHz and 20m near 14.313MHz (Intermar-Net) from 8 UTC until 17 UTC if batteries allow. Equipment: Alinco DX77 and FT857 with vertical antennas from Camper Van and ground.

Hook Lighthouse is known as ARLHS IRE 038 and ILLW No IE 0003. They hope to have good conditions/weather on site and on the band.

Operators: Chris EI7KE/DL9YEL and his friend Harry DD4QW.

South Dublin Radio Club

In July 1898 the first reporting by wireless of a sporting event took place in Dublin Bay during the Kingstown Yacht Regatta. At the request of the Express newspaper, Marconi installed wireless equipment aboard the Flying Huntress and transmitted reports to the harbourmaster's office in Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) The results were posted in a window ashore and published even before the yachts had returned to port.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Howth Martello Radio Group and the South Dublin Radio Club plan to set up two special event stations. As the races took place off Howth Head, one station will operate from the Martello Tower in Howth and the other from the Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. Plans are at an early stage still but we will keep you posted on progress. The weekend of 20-21 July is proposed for this operation.

CASHOTA

For all you CASHOTA chasers out there, the North Cork Radio Group are operational as EI1NC/P from Kanturk Castle on Sunday, 19th May 2013 from 11.30am - 4pm approx. This is a fun day out where we once again activate a new castle for the CASHOTA program under the reference EI022/C. If you wish to take part, or indeed try the bands for the first time, feel free to come and visit us, we look forward to seeing, and working, you all.

We would also like to thank all the staff of Mizen Head Visitors Centre for their support and hospitality over the recent Marconi weekend. We also wish to thank all the stations that worked us, we had great fun and look forward to doing it again next year.

We also confirm our annual Radio & Electronics Fair which is to take place at the

Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork on Sunday, 15th Sept 2013. Doors open at 11am and entry fee is €5 per adult (children free). More details to follow but if anyone wishes to make enquiries, please feel free to contact Edwin EI2HEB at 086 3885741 or via email ei2heb /at/ ei1nc.com"

DX News

There was activity from the Galapagos Islands last week. Daniel DL5YWM was expected to operate as DL5YWM/HC8 but in the end appeared on the bands as HC2IWM/8. There will be more activity in the coming week when HD2A and HC2AQ put the callsign HD8A on the air. They will be there from 15 – 19 May. QSLs go via HD2A.

There will be two new operators on Marion Island very soon. Carson ZR6CWI and David ZS1BCE will be active as ZS8C and ZS8Z respectively. They will be working at the weather station until April 2014.

Five English amateurs will use the callsign SZ8S from the Greek island of Samos from 16 – 30 May. This will count as EU-049 for the Islands on the Air Award. QSLs go via G1LAT for direct cards or via M0SCG for bureau cards.

Contesters will be very familiar with the callsign S53EO. This year Milos is celebrating 50 years on the air. In honour of this he is using the special callsign S503EO. Those more senior IRTS members will remember him as YU3EO.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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